



## Meeting Minutes

### Nevada Search and Rescue Board

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| Attendance                              | DATE  | Tuesday, February 11, 2025                                      |         |
|   | TIME  | 2:00 p.m.   |         |
|   | METHOD  | Zoom/Teleconference: 1-669-219-2599<br>Meeting ID# 202 331 8963 |         |
|   | RECORDER  | Sherrean Whipple  |         |
| Appointed Voting Member Attendance      |   |   |         |
| Member Name                             | Present   | Member Name   | Present |
| Joshua Fisher - Chair                   | X   | Carol Lynn  | X       |
| Eric Antle                              | X   | Matthew Marlow  | X       |
| Dan Coverley                            | X   | Patty Polish  | X       |
| Kevin Haywood                           | X   | SSG Cameron Fricke  | X       |
| Doug Fisher                             | X   | Billy Samuels   | X       |
| Legal/Administrative Support Attendance |   |   |         |
| Representative                          | Entity  |   | Present |
| Rodney Wright                           | SAR Coordinator–Nevada Division of Emergency Management |   | X       |
| Samantha Ladich                         | Senior DAG – Nevada Office of the Attorney General      |   | X       |
| Sherrean Whipple                        | Admin – Nevada Division of Emergency Management         |   | X       |

#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Joshua Fisher, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, called the meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Rodney Wright, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEM/HS). Quorum was established for the meeting.

#### 2. Public Comment

Chair Joshua Fisher opened the first period of public comment for discussion.

Rodney Wright, noted that after the agenda was posted, several of the organizations on the agenda were incorrect. Mr. Wright apologized for the mislabeling and noted that the correction will be made.

There was no additional public comment.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Chair Joshua Fisher called for a motion to amend or approve the draft minutes of the February 14, 2024 SAR Board meeting. Billy Samuels, Clark County Fire Department, made the first motion to approve the minutes. Dan Coverley, Douglas County, seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. New Board Member**

Chair Joshua Fisher announced the appointment of new Board member, SSG Cameron Fricke, from the National Guard.

SSG Cameron Fricke informed the Board that he was honored to be here and glad to be able to represent the organization.

**5. Nevada Interoperability Field Operating Guide (NviFOG)**

Rodney Wright explained that the previous year, mission support at DEM/HS updated the field operating guide, which discusses some of the interoperability channels available to agencies across the state. Mr. Wright indicated that the guide can assist in some cross-country border missions or other things where agencies can tie into other agencies that may have different frequency channels so as to enable them to work better together on missions. Mr. Wright noted that anyone wishing to have a copy should reach out to either him or John Fansler at DEM/HS for a PDF version. Mr. Wright concluded by noting that care has been taken to control the release of some of the sensitive nature frequencies.

**6. Review of Duty Officer Related Calls in 2024**

Rodney Wright explained that DEM/HS is starting to track duty officer calls over the year, and indicated that for 2024, the number 1 across all 202 calls were search and rescue calls, followed by SAR missing persons, and forensic cell phone requests from local county SAR units.

Billy Samuels indicated that Clark County tracks calls and has data points that can assist with building this out, and noted that DEM/HS may not be aware of the missions that occur locally. As such, Chief Samuels questioned the possibility of a platform that would allow counties to upload data and data points to help with the state numbers.

Rodney Wright indicated that DEM/HS is looking at a system that will be a non-invasive process that can be sent out to the local SAR unit for their data. Mr. Wright concurred that since there is not currently a system in place that is pushed out to the counties, there is no way to get that data from them.

Billy Samuels requested inclusion of the counties' input when the criteria is beginning to be built out, noting that some of the data may be difficult for counties to extrapolate.

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Rodney Wright concurred and noted that he will reach out to all agencies for their feedback and buy-in.

Billy Samuels noted that search and rescue is different for Metro than the urban search and rescue for Nevada Task Force 1 and as such, there are a lot of different components that could be captured in this data.

### **7. Election of New Chair and Vice-Chair**

Joshua Fisher nominated Dan Coverly to be the new chair. The vote passed unanimously.

Billy Samuels nominated Matthew Marlow as the new Vice-chair. The vote passed unanimously.

### **8. Public Comment**

Chair Joshua Fisher opened discussion on the second period of public comment.

Rodney Wright thanked all the agencies that helped Nye County with the missing aircraft search the previous month, noting that it was 21 days from the time the report was received to the time the pilot and aircraft were recovered on the 28th of January.

There was no additional public comment.

### **9. Adjournment**

Chair Joshua Fisher called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Coverley made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Patty Polish seconded. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.